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SUBJECT: USSR TO SUPPORT ECHEVERRIA FOR UN SECRETARY GENERAL

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1. MEXICO'S PRESS REPORTS THAT VLADIMIR BOGARTTIKOV, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SOVIET GENERAL COUNCIL OF WORKERS' UNIONS, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL HERE APRIL 24: "THE SOVIET UNION CERTAINLY WILL SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, WHO WOULD BE AN EXTRAORDINARY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN". BOGARTIKOV ALSO CALLED ECHEVERRIA A "GREAT STATESMAN" AND A "DISTINGUISHED LEADER OF THE THIRD WORLD".

2. BOGARTIKOV IS IN MEXICO FOR A TEN-DAY VISIT AS THE HEAD OF A SOVIET WORKERS' DELEGATION WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN LABOR DAY CELEBRATIONS HERE MAY 1.

3. COMMENT: THIS NOT ONLY OFFSETS AND GOES BEYOND THE RECENT NON-COMMITAL STATEMENTS BY THE HEAD OF THE SOVIET IPU DELEGATION, A. P. CHITIKOV (SEE PARA 2 OF REFTTEL) BUT WILL ALSP PROBABLY STIMULATE ECHEVERRIA'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE UN SEC GEN POST. THE MEXICAN PRESS WILL DOUBTLESSLY
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